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**A Neighborhood e-Newsletter From
Councilman Brian Maienschein**

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Arbor Day Comes to Scripps Ranch

Over 40 community volunteers joined Mayor Dick Murphy and me for a special Arbor Day Kickoff Event on November 16.

A full day of tree planting was scheduled throughout the City of San Diego to celebrate Arbor Day, with the Scripps Ranch Community leading the way.



I partnered with People for Trees, a local non-profit organization, to provide thirteen 15-gallon Red Flowering Gum Eucalyptus Trees along Scripps Ranch Blvd. Community members, boy scout troops, and members of the Youth Commission arrived early Saturday morning with shovels in hand. I was pleased with the turnout of volunteers and I attribute the success of the event to these dedicated individuals.

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San Diego Police Museum Looks for New Home

I am pleased to announce that I have partnered with the San Diego Police Historical Association to secure a location, raise funds and garner support for the creation of a permanent police museum and emergency services memorial.

San Diego is the only city of the nation's twenty largest cities which does not have a permanent police museum. The small, temporary police museum located at 205 'G' Street is scheduled to close in July 2003. Without another site there will be no representation of the 152 years of San Diego City law enforcement or the more than 10,000 men and women who have protected our city.

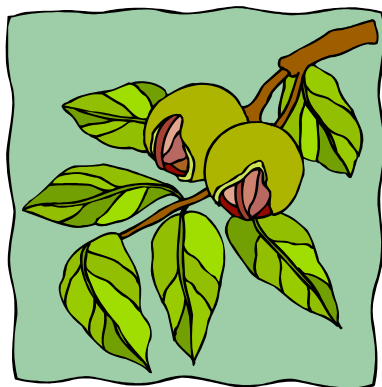


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Branching Out in Rancho Bernardo



As of December 7, 2002, Rancho Bernardo will be a cleaner and greener community thanks to the efforts of community residents and Urban Corp., a local non-profit organization. I have partnered with these groups to host a tree planting celebration in Rancho Bernardo where volunteers will join me and my staff to plant 56 trees along Bernardo Heights Parkway.

Fortunately I was able to secure funding for these public right-of-way enhancements at no cost to the community. I believe that programs such as these are vital to enhancing the quality of life for residents in Rancho Bernardo by keeping our community beautiful and healthy. This will be the third of several tree plantings that will be taking place in the district. Previously we have planted trees in both Mira Mesa and Scripps Ranch. I am working to make this an annual program throughout the District 5 communities.

The event is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Bernardo Heights Community Center located at the intersection of Bernardo Heights Parkway and Avenida Venusto. I am inviting every Rancho Bernardo resident to join us. The Community Association of Bernardo Heights will provide food and beverages to every participant. If you would like additional information, please contact Rob Knudsen at (619) 236-6655.

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Since taking office, I have made it a priority to improve the communities of District 5. I believe that tree plantings are the perfect opportunity for developing and maintaining an urban forest in the City of San Diego. This tree planting is one of many that will be occurring throughout District 5 in the next few months.





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Additionally, San Diego has no memorial recognizing the sacrifices made by firefighters, lifeguards and paramedics. Lifeguards served as a branch of the Police Department until 1947, and police officers served as paramedics until 1982. They both now fall under the city's department of Fire and Life Safety Services.

I believe that it is time that we honor our public safety officers and show how much San Diegans appreciate their services. The attack on America on September 11th graphically demonstrated to everyone that despite wearing different uniforms, emergency service workers perform many of the same tasks and sometimes pay the same heavy price for their dedication.

It is for these reasons that I have partnered with the San Diego Police Historical Association to seek citizen involvement and funding for the creation of a permanent police museum hosting the emergency services memorial. In addition to providing an educational experience for adults and children alike, visitors to the museum can pay tribute to the heroes who have died keeping San Diego "America's Finest City."

Maienschein Coordinating Dam Security Meeting

In an effort to expedite progress on re-opening the recreation path across Miramar Dam, I am working with the City's Water Department to hold another open public meeting to share information and gather community feedback. This meeting will include discussions with officials of Metcalf & Eddy, the firm conducting security studies of all water reservoirs in the City.

The dam path was closed last October at the order of the California Department of Health Services, and since then I have been working with State and City officials to consider options to re-open the path. Before this can be done, a security study must be completed in order to address safety concerns. The security study has been scheduled for several months, and is now funded and underway.



The study will be concluded in January 2003, and it is important that the impacts to Scripps Ranch and surrounding communities are fully evaluated. If you are unable to attend this meeting to share how the dam closure has impacted you and your family, please email me at bmaienschein@sandiego.gov or write to me at 202 C St., 10th Floor, San Diego 92101. Scripps Ranch needs to take advantage of this opportunity to present a unified position on the dam closure.



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